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- 1. REFTEL REFERENCED FEA ADMINISTRATOR ZARB BACKGROUND BRIEFING ON NOVEMBER 30, 1976 AND RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT ENTITLED QUOTE AN ANALYSIS OF THE ALLRNATIVES AVAILABLE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSITION OF ALASKAN NORTH SLOPE CRUDE OIL UNQUOTE.
- 2. CURRENT JAPAN NEWS MEDIA INCLUDING JAPAN PETROLEUM AND ENERGY WEEKLY CARRYING ARTICLES INDICATING PRESIDENT CARTER REVIEWING POSSIBLE SWAP WITH JAPAN OF US SURPLUS ALASKAN CRUDE FOR JAPAN OIL FROM MID-EAST. APPARENTLY TIME ARTICLE OF MAY 15 SPARKED CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT AND COMMENT ON SUBJECT IN JAPANESE PRESS.
- 3. SUPERFICIAL EMBASSY ANALYSIS INDICATES SAVING TO US OF SOMETHING LIKE ONE TO ONE AND A HALF DOLLARS PER BARREL IN TRANSPORTATION COSTS UNCLASSIFIED

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IF WEST COAST SURPLUS SHIPPED TO JAPAN INSTEAD OF THROUGH PANAMA CANAL TO US EAST COAST AND MID-EAST OIL SHIPPED TO US EAST COAST INSTEAD OF JAPAN.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS COPY OF FEA REPORT REFERENCED IN PARA 1 ABOVE AS WELL AS ANY MORE RECENT ANALYSES CONDUCTED BY DOE (OR DOT, DOC, FEA) ON THIS SUBJECT. IF ANALYSES CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED EMBASSY

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